



House of Representatives

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General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 6287
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 24, 2009

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CASH PRIZES FOR BLOWER BALL GAMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 7-177 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) All prizes given at any bazaar or raffle shall be merchandise,
4 tangible personal property or a ticket, coupon or gift certificate,
5 entitling the winner to merchandise, tangible personal property,
6 services, transportation on a common carrier by land, water or air and
7 to any tour facilities provided in connection therewith, or to
8 participation in a lottery conducted under chapter 226. Such ticket,
9 coupon or gift certificate shall not be refundable or transferable. No
10 cash prizes or prizes consisting of alcoholic liquor shall be given,
11 except as provided in subsection (b) of this section and section 7-177a,
12 and no prize shall be redeemed or redeemable for cash, except tickets
13 for a lottery conducted under chapter 226. For the purposes of this
14 section, coins whose trading value exceeds their face value and coins
15 not commonly in circulation shall not be deemed a cash prize.

16 (b) Any sponsoring organization authorized to conduct a bazaar
17 pursuant to section 7-172 may award cash prizes not to exceed fifty
18 dollars each in connection with the playing of a blower ball game. For
19 purposes of this subsection "blower ball game" means a game of
20 chance where the players wager on a color or number and the winner
21 is determined by the drawing of a colored or numbered ball from a
22 mechanical ball blower that mixes ping pong balls with blown air.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	7-177
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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Spec. Revenue, Div. of	GF - None	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

This bill as amended allows organizations authorized to conduct bazaars to award cash prizes of up to \$50 for "blower ball" games. The regulation of such games is already accommodated for within the current budget of the Division of Special Revenue.

House "A" defines "blower ball game" and has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years

There is no anticipated fiscal impact in the out years.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6287 (as amended by House "A")*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING CASH PRIZES FOR BLOWER BALL GAMES.****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows organizations authorized to conduct bazaars to award cash prizes of up to \$50 for "blower ball games." Under current law, they may award cash prizes for frog-race, duck-race, and cow-chip raffles; other traditional raffles; and fifty-fifty coupon games.

The bill defines a "blower ball" game as a game of chance in which players wager on a color or number and winners are determined by the drawing of a colored or numbered ball from a mechanical ball blower that mixes ping pong balls with blown air.

*House Amendment "A" defines blower ball game.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Organizations that May Conduct Bazaars and Raffles***

The law allows the following to conduct, operate, or sponsor bazaars or raffles if the town where they are located has adopted the Bazaar and Raffle Act: veterans,' religious, civic, fraternal, educational, and charitable organizations; volunteer fire companies; and political parties and their town committees. Raffles may also be promoted and conducted if sponsored by the town acting through a designated centennial, bicentennial, or other centennial celebration committee. To conduct a bazaar or raffle, an organization must have a local permit.

Only the sponsoring organization's qualified members age 18 or

older may promote, operate, or work at bazaars and raffles. And people under age 16 may not sell or promote raffle tickets.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (02/17/2009)

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/27/2009)